

Docket No. 0020-4964P

REMARKS

The specification has been amended to provide a cross-reference to the previously filed International Application.

The claims have been amended to remove improper multiple dependencies and to place the application into better form for examination.

Entry of the above amendments is earnestly solicited. An early and favorable first action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the application by this Amendment.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachment: VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADEIN THE CLAIMS:

The claims have been amended as follows:

7. (Amended) The electric wire or cable according to [anyone of claims 3, 5 and 6]claim 3, wherein the contained alkali metal and alkali earth metal comprise at least one of potassium and sodium.